Technology mission on drinking water in Orissa

2290. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the technology mission on drinking water introduced in Orissa;

(b) whether any scheme of the above Technology mission has been introduced in the tribal sub plan areas in Orissa;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to provide drinking water to the problem villages by that Technology mission so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Under the National Drinking Water Mission an integrated approach has been adopted for coverage of problem villages with safe drinking water facilities by utilising financial resources under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Mini Mission Prject areas have been taken up in Koraput, Phulbani, 5 blocks of Ganjam and Mayurbhanj districts in the state. Central assistance has also been provided for setting up of 1000 iron removal plants, scientific source finding and source development etc. Rs. 7.06 lakhs representing 25 per cent of the total cost has already been released for setting up of one mobile water testing laboratory and six district level laboratories in Phulbani, Mayurbhanj, Ganjam, Koraput, Kalahandi and Keonjhar.

(b) and (c) The Mini Mission Project Area in Mayurbhanj district referred to in (a) above, has been taken up primarily to benefit the tribal population in this area. Under the Crash Programme, drinking water facilities will be provided to about 1,000 SC/ST habitations with at least 40 households (200 persons) which are at present without a single source of drinking water supply.

(d) As on 1-6-89, there were 1,348 no source problem villages (PVs') to be covered wih safe drinking water facilities in Orissa. All these problem villages are likely to be covered by 31-3-90.

Crop Insurance Scheme in Orissa

2291. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crop insurance scheme is being introduced in Orissa;

(b) if so, the various kinds of crops covered by the scheme and since when;

(c) whether the scheme has also been extended for the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the number of tribal farmers benefited under the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) was introduced in Orissa from Kharif 1985 reason. In Orissa so far only the Paddy crop has been covered.

(c) and (d) The CCIS is applicable in any area (including a tribal area) notified by the State Government for an insured crop during a season. The CCIS has been implemented in 118 tribal Blocks in Orissa, apart from other areas. The total number of farmers (including the tribal farmers) covered under the CCIS in Orissa upto Rabi 1988-89

season is 8.15 lakhs. However, separate information as to the number of tribal farmers covered under the CCIS so far in Orissa, is not available.

Under utilization of funds allocated for the integrated development of small and medium Towns

2292. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the benefits envisaged for economically weaker sections and low-income groups under the Integrated Development of small and medium towns in Orissa during the Seventh Plan and to what extent the achievement has been made;

(b) whether some of the States have not utilised the fund which has been allocated to them during the first four years of the Seventh plan; and

(c) if so, what are those State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The objective of the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium towns is to build up infrastructure in small and medium towns so as to equip them to act as growth and service centres for the rural hinterland and reduce the rate of migration to the major metropolitan centres. During 7th Plan projects in five towns of Orissa have been sanctioned under this scheme. However, some of the components taken up in these projects *viz.* sites and services, low cost sanitation, etc., have a bearing on the life of the urban poor and low income categories. Besides, the State Governments also expected to take up works like slum upgradation, low cost schemes of drainage, sewerage and sanitation etc. out of their State Plan funds but as part of the total project.

(b) and (c) No State-wise allocation of funds is made. Central assistance is released for towns in instalment depending on progress of implementation of the projects.

Loans to tribal beneficiaries in Orissa

2293. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal beneficiaries in Orissa are being given loans for different purposes by Integrated Tribal Development Agencies and other State Government and Central Government agencies;

(b) whether it is a fact that tribal beneficiaries are being exempted from the repayment of loans which they had taken; and

(c) if so, the amount of loan taken by them are exempted and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Loans are given under various family oriented income generating schemes by banks, cooperatives etc. in conjunction with subsidy given by the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies. District Rural Development Agencies and other organisations. Margin Money Loans are provided by the Orissa Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development Finance Cooperative Corporation.

(b) The State Government has started a scheme named "Redemption of Small Tribal Defaulters" in the Tribal Sub Plan areas of the State from 1987-88. Loan and interest upto Rs. 250/- of non-wilful tribal defaulters is repaid to the financial institutions concerned from State Plan funds.

(c) Rs. 80.00 lakhs have been utilised covering 59,600 small tribal defaulters by end of March, 1989.